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SUB: ARKANSAS TRADE MISSION TO IRAN

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF ARKANSAS TRADE MISSION AND WILL BE
HAPPY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIEFING TO GROUP; HOWEVER, WE HOPE
DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESTRAINED IN COMMITTING EMBASSY RESOURCES,
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF NON-USG SPONSORSHIP OF GROUP.

2. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED BOTH WITH MFA AND MIN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AND FINANCE REGARDING STATUS OF PREPARATIONS. LATTER APPEARS TO BE
HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS CITED PARAGRAPH 3 OF RFTEL, BUT IS APPARENTLY
UNABLE CARRY THROUGH WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING COMPOSI-
TION OF GROUP (INCLUDING NAMES), WHO WILL PAY COSTS, ETC.
EMBASSY WILL TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF THIS ASPECT.

3. STRONGLY URGE THAT ARKANSAS GROUP SEND ADVANCE MAN TO TEHRAN
10 DAYS TO 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO MISSION'S ARRIVAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IDAHO
GROUP WAS APPALLED AT CAR RENTAL COST; E.G., \$750 FOR TEN CARS TO
TRANSPORT GROUP FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (STANDARD CHARGE WAS FOR
FULL DAY) AND AT ELEVENTH HOUR REDUCED NUMBER OF CARS, RENTED A
BUS, ETC. AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, THERE ARE MYRIAD ADMINISTRA-
TIVE DETAILS WHICH ADVANCE MAN SHOULD DISCUSS WITH GOI.
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